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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON USG PARTICIPATION
IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ANSWERING
CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTER-
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PERMDEL ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN
PREPARING REPLY AS PER DETAILED BELOW.

2. QUESTION C-24: A) DOES ORGANIZATION HAVE ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, CONGRESS OR THE PUBLIC TO
OBTAIN ACCESS TO ITS DOCUMENTS OR FOR CONGRESS OR THE PUBLIC
TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO ITS MEETINGS, B) IF SO, WHAT ARE THEY?

3. A) THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN A LEVEL OF
ACCESS EQUIVALENT TO THAT PROVIDED U.S. CITIZENS TO USG
RECORDS AND MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT,
SUCH AS WOULD PERMIT GAO AUDITORS TO EXAMINE UNESCO'S
INTERNAL BUDGET AND FINANCIAL RECORDS AND EXAMINE INTERNAL
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FILES. PERMDEL COMMENT REQUESTED ON EXTENT OF OFFICIAL

ACCESS BY PUBLIC AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO UNESCO INTERNAL DOCUMENTS AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO UNESCO OFFICIAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS.

4. B) RULES OF PROCEDURE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE INDICATE THAT CONFERENCE MEETINGS SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC EXCEPT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE REGULATIONS FOR THE GENERAL CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF MEETINGS CONVENED BY UNESCO INDICATE THAT CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEETINGS (VI, VII, VIII) SHALL ORDINARILY BE PRIVATE; THE SITUATION IN REGARD TO CATEGORIES I-V IS NOT CLEAR. REQUEST CLARIFICATIONS. SISCO

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